to prevent unethical practices in games; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAJ HUSSAIN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Promoting Rural Athletes

†2943. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) in how many village the sport facilities like arenas, sports grounds, ponds and coaches are available;

(b) what steps are being taken by Government to appoint coaches in villages where they are not available; and

(c) whether Government have launched any scheme in order to encourage the rual athletics?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN): (a) "Sports' is a State subject and it is a primarily responsibility of the State Government to creat sports facilities in all areas including rural area. However, in order to supplement the efforts of the State Governments in this direction, the Central Government do provides financial assistance on matching basis, subject to prescribed ceilings, to them for creation of sports facilities under the schemes of Grants for Creation of Sports Infrastructure. One time financial assistance, without matching contribution, of up to Rs. 1.50 lakh is also provided to rural schools for development of playfield and purchase of sports equipments under the scheme of Grants to Rural Schools.

(b) The Sports Authority of India provides the services of its coaches to State Coaching Centres (SCCs) and District Coaching Centres (DCCs) in each

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

State. As per existing norms, SAI provides need based coaches, 8 coaches at each SCCs, and two coaches at DCC. No coaches are provided at the village level.

(c) Yes, Sir.

The Government had started a scheme of rural sports programme in 1970-71. The scheme is specifically design to encourage sports participation amongst rural youth and to tap talented sports persons from rural area and provide them facilities and scientific training to nurture their talents with a view to achieve excellence in sports.

Football Academy in Assam

2944. DR. (SMT.) JOYASREE GOSWAMI MAHANTA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal from Government to set up a football academy in Assam; and

(b) if not, whether Government would consider such a proposal, in view of the fact that eight boys had represented Indian School Junior Team to Korea in 1998 and another six boy have been selected to represent Indian School Team to Bangkok to play Asia Cup School Tournament, from 1st to 12th August, 2000?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAJ HUSSAIN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Since there is no proposal question does not arise.

Selection of Sports Disciplines for International Events

2945. SHRI K. M. KHAN: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS to pleased to state: